

Why Partner?

A Look at the Benefits from Multiple Perspectives

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AGENTS OF CHANGE FOR EQUITY

NEBRASKA 21st Century Community Learning Centers



WHO WE ARE

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) are authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The Nebraska Department of Education administers this federally funded, competitive grant program to establish and support quality expanded learning opportunities when students are not in school (afterschool, summer, and days when school is not in session).

*Quality expanded learning principles include the following:

- » Administration with sound management and well-developed systems
- » College/career awareness and readiness
- » Community-school partnerships and resource sharing
- » Diverse, prepared staff including certificated educators
- » Engaged learning
- » Family engagement
- » Intentional programming aligned with the school day program
- » Ongoing assessment and improvement
- » Participation, access, and support during transitions
- » Safety, health, and wellness

**Excerpt from the Position Statement for Expanded Learning Opportunities adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Education on October 6, 2017.*

WHAT WE DO

The three overarching goals of the 21st CCLC program are:

- 1** improve overall student success and learning performance in one or more academic areas through academic support and enrichment activities,
- 2** increase student social benefits and positive behavioral changes and
- 3** increase active and meaningful family and community engagement in supporting students' education.

21st CCLC afterschool and summer programs offer a broad array of services and activities to meet students' developmental and academic needs including: alignment to the school day, homework help and tutoring, physical activity, the arts, community service, choices for hands-on learning activities, positive youth development, and leadership.



WHO WE SERVED IN 2017-18



A total student population of
19,944

135 sites in
34 communities

with an approx. budget of
\$5.4 million



Attended
30 days
or more



Eligible for free
or reduced lunch



15% English
Learners

59% Ethnic
Minority

1% Migrant



17% Verified for
Special Education

For more information, please visit: www.education.ne.gov/21stCCLC



Partnerships are Essential for Program Success

21st CCLC programs rely on partnerships with statewide and community organizations, local business and industry, and others to implement high-quality, sustainable 21st CCLC programs.

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Examples of program support provided by partners include:

- Professional development
- Volunteer staffing
- Curriculum development
- Donation of specialty materials for implementation of a club or activity
- Exposure and exploration of potential careers
- Preparation for a successful college experience
- Civic engagement and service learning opportunities.

Partner Spotlight Organizations

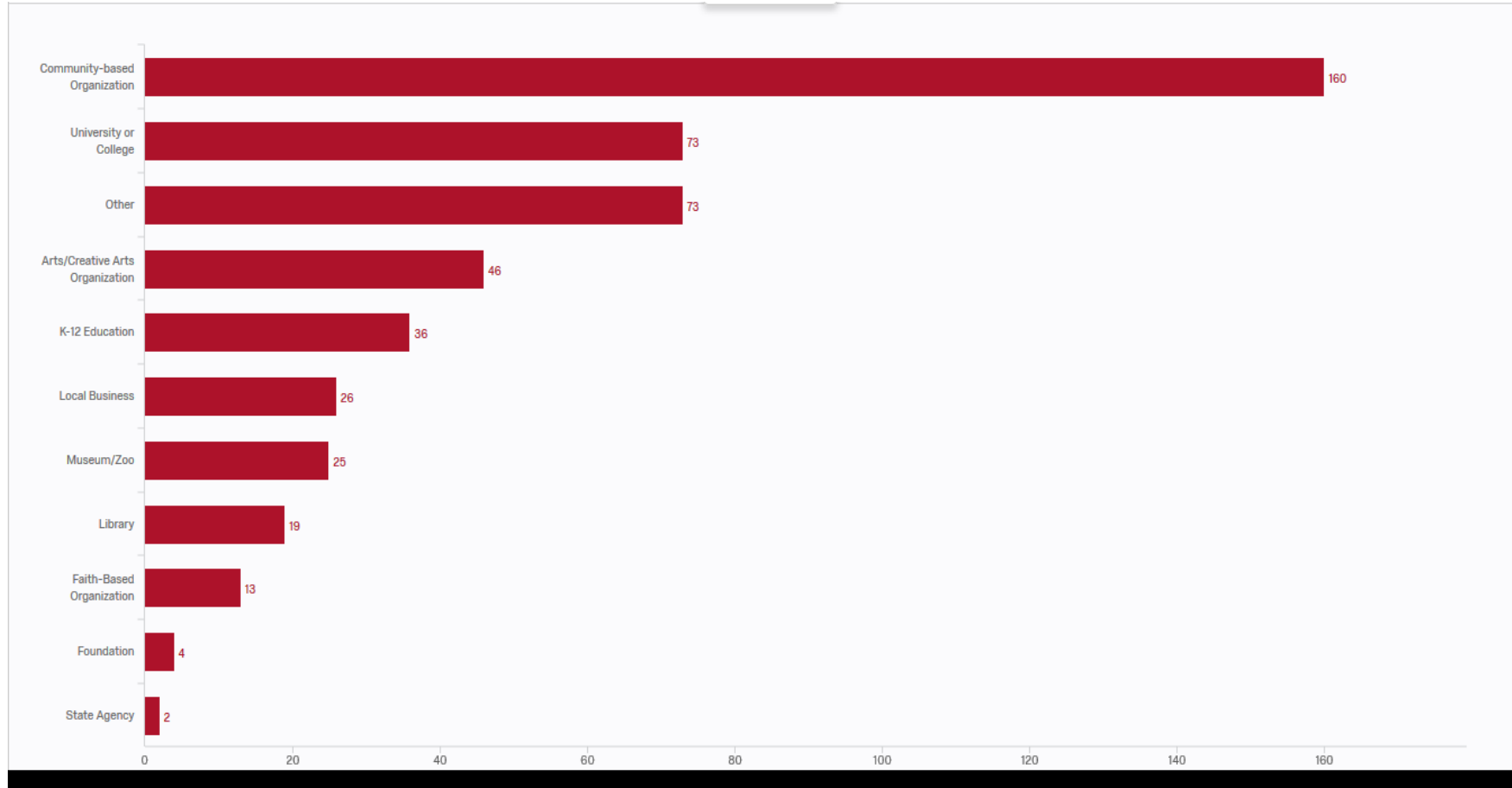




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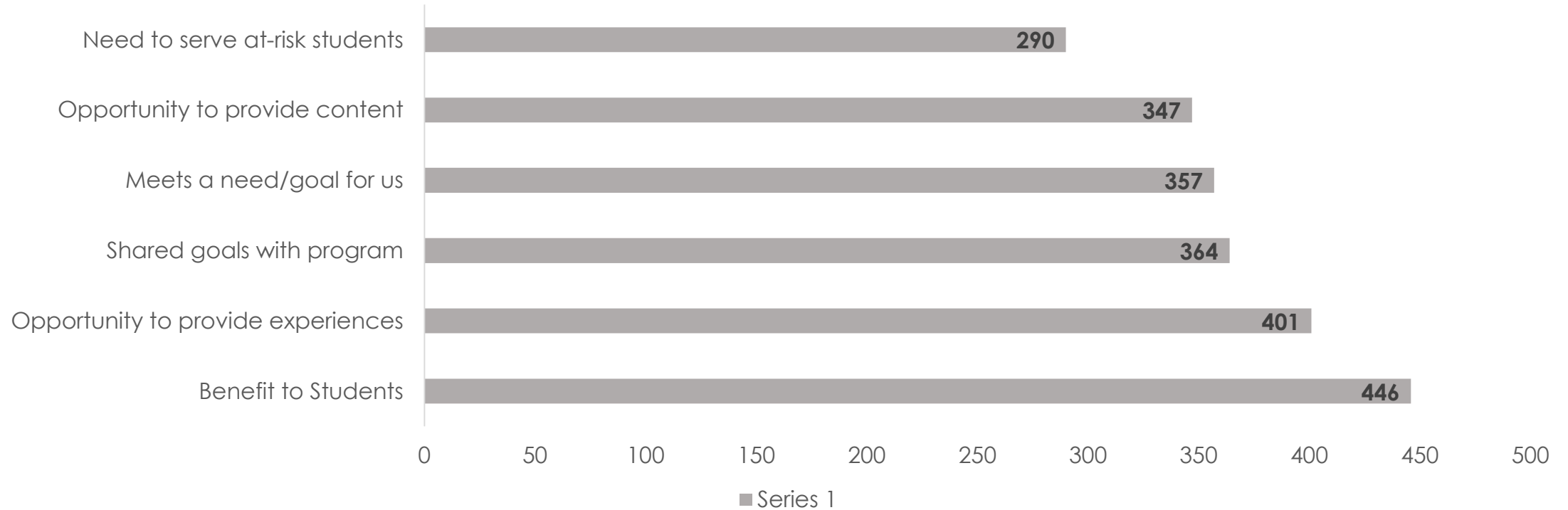
Statewide Partner Surveys

A Variety of Organizations are Partners with 21st CCLC Sites



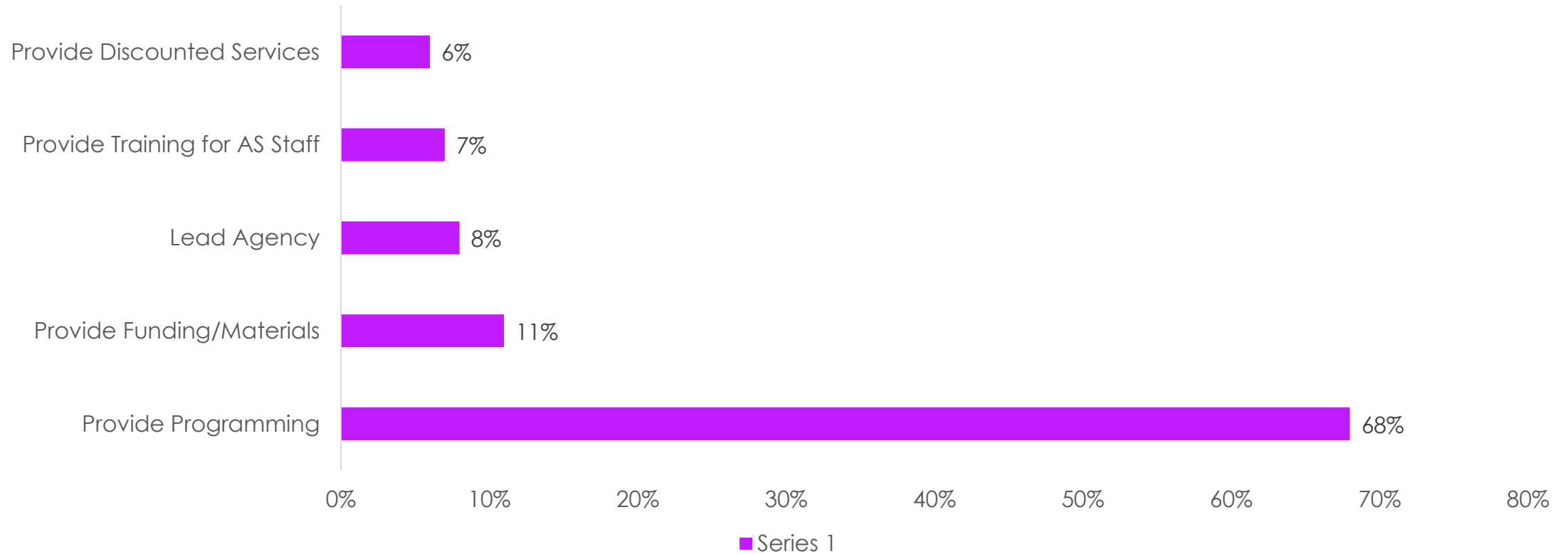
Reasons for Partnering

Organizations partner for multiple reasons; Most frequently because they view the program as a benefit to students.



Services Provided

Most Partners Provided Services for 21st CCLC programs



Strengths of Community Partnerships

Strength of Overall Relationship

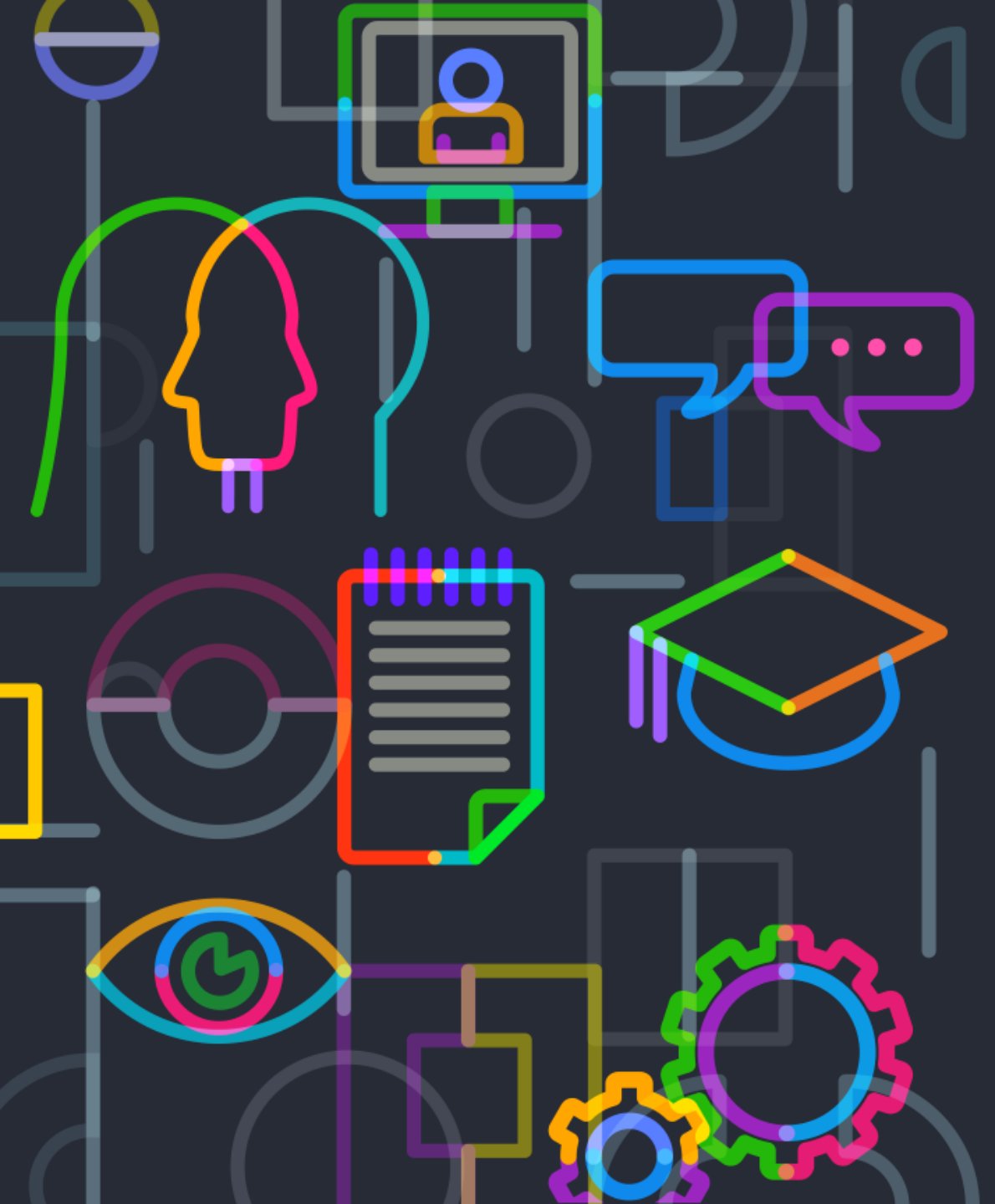
State Average: **85.31/100**

Strengths Mentioned:

Diversity of programming, variety of lessons, inclusion of all students, student engagement, friendly and professional staff, organized director, safe place for students, staff and program engagement during programming, great relationships and leadership.....many others.

Suggestions for Improvement

- Consistency with use of space, staff and behavior management
- Additional PD for staff
- Family engagement
- Communication



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